land and quarters allotted to the repatriates are given by the concerned State Govts.

(d) No, sir.

(e) and (f) Does not arise.

[English]

Cyclone in A.P.

2599. PROF. P.J. KURIEN: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) the number of fishermen missing or died in the cyclone in Andhra Pradesh;

(b) whether there was a weather forecast in this regard; and

(c) if not, the reasons thereof?

THE MINISTER OF AGRICULTURE (EXCLUDING THE DEPARTMENT OF ANIMAL HUSBANDRY AND DAIRYING) (SHRI CHATURANAN MISHRA): (a) According to the information received from the Government of Andhra Pradesh, 1059 people have lost their lives and 925 people are missing as a result of the November Cyclone in Andhra Pradesh. Preliminary estimates indicate that about 500 of the dead and most of the missing people are from fishermen community.

(b) Yes, Sir.

(c) Does not arise.

Assistance to Polio Affected Persons by Voluntary Organisations

2600. SHRI N. DENNIS: Will the Minister of WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) the assistance and welfare measures extended to the polio affected persons in the country;

(b) whether the Government are extending financial assistance to the voluntary organisations engaged in the mission; and

(c) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF WELFARE (SHRI BALWANT SINGH RAMOOWALIA): (a) to (c) Polio affected persons who develop physical handicap can derive benefits from the schemes meant for welfare of handicapped persons. At present, apart from the facilities available at the Government Hospitals, National Institute for the Orthopaedically Handicapped and Institute for the Physically Handicapped have been providing training programmes for manpower development in the field of orthopaedically handicapped. In addition, grant-in-aid to Voluntary Organisations is given under the various schemes of the Ministry of Welfare for education, training and rehabilitation of physically handicapped persons including polio affected persons.

Child Abuse Law

2601. SHRI RAM KRIPAL YADAV: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government have considered to review the child abuse law;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether the Government propose to bring a legislation in this regard; and

(d) if so, the time by which it is likely to be brought?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI MOHD. MAQBOOL DAR): (a) to (d) The existing legal provisions appear to be quite strict but even so the Government would not be unresponsive to suggestions for improvement.

Camel Riding Allowance

2602. SHRI P.S. GADHAVI:
SHRIMATI BHAVNA BEN DEVRAJ BHAI CHIKHALIA:

Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether any proposal to grant the camel riding allowance to the BSF personnel of Gujarat and Rajasthan posted on the Western Borders is under consideration of the Government;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) the amount of monthly allowance proposed; and

(d) the annual expenditure likely to be incurred therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI MOHD. MAQBOOL DAR): (a) No, sir.

(b) to (d) Does not arise.

Forest Land

2603. SHRI TARIQ ANWAR: Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government of Bihar had sent any survey report for regularising the Forest Land occupied by the people;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the action proposed to be taken in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS (CAPT. JAI NARAYAN PRASAD NISHAD): (a) So far no proposal under Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980 for regularisation of

encroachments on forest land has been sent by the Government of Bihar

(b) and (c) Do not arise

Excavation of Hills

2604 SHRI SURESH PRABHU Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS be pleased to state

(a) whether excavation of hills etc at Konkan is effecting the environment

(b) if so whether any action is being taken in the matter, and

(c) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS (CAPT JAI NARAYAN PRASAD NISHAD) (a) Maharashtra Government have reported that they give permision for excavation of hills for stone bricks, soil etc duly observing environmental safeguards

(b) and (c) State Government have reported that they have given instructions to field officers to prevent unauthorised quarrying

Sanctuaries and National Parks

2605 SHRI K.C KONDAIAH Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS be pleased to state

(a) whether the Government have issued directions to the States for the development of National Parks and Sanctuaries,

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) the amount of financial assistance provided to improve Wild Life Sanctuaries and National Parks in each State during the last three years and the current year, year-wise, and

(d) the amount spent by each State for development of sanctuaries and National Parks during the said period?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS (CAPT JAI NARAYAN PRASAD NISHAD) (a) and (b) Yes, Sir From time to time this Ministry has been writing to the States to ensure effective conservation and development of national parks and sanctuaries The priority actions suggested include allocation of adequate financial resources, development of trainned staff, provision of infrastructural facilities and protection measures, completion of legal procedures for settlement of rights, preparation of management plans, incentives and welfare measures to the staff etc.

(c) and (d) A statement showing the amount of financial assistance provided to the States and Union Territories in the last 3 years and the current year for the development of national parks and sanctuaries under the centrally sponsored schemes on "Development of National Parks and Sanctuaries", "Project Tiger" and "Ecodevelopment in and Around National Parks and Sanctuaries Including Tiger Reserves" is given in the attached statement The statement also shows the amount utilised by the States in each of the years.

STATEMENT

The Amount of Financial Assistance provided to the States and Union Territories in the last three years and the current year for the development of National Parks and Sanctuaries under various Centrally Sponsored Schemes

(Rs in lakhs)

State	1993-94		1994-95		1995-96		1996-97 (Upto Nov 96)
	S	U	S	U	S	U	S
1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8
Andhra Pradesh	99.45	94.78	115.093	92.383	137.103	39.64	8.00
Arunachal Pradesh	78.823	46.042	73.908	47.53	18.188	8.95	4.49
Assam	151.60	103.02	42.325	42.05	55.65	34.81	-
Bihar	32.70	24.45	117.60	72.17	64.36	59.50	41.50
Goa	14.485	4.425	14.301	9.951	5.478	0.11	-
Gujarat	50.143	36.822	31.70	-	39.43	-	-
Haryana	10.75	6.00	18.48	17.83	13.13	9.49	-
Himachal Pradesh	96.935	45.293	120.013	89.096	76.78	32.66	10.10